

Art Instructor Praises Works of Torrance Art Group Exhibitors

The 1958 art exhibit sponsored by the Torrance Art Group is indicative of a growing interest in the arts on the part of both the sponsoring organization and the creative artists of the area. Since the intention of this organization is to provide exhibition facilities for local artists previously unknown as well as for those of professional status, the show ranges from some what amateur attempts through

the mid-latitudes of good part time painting and includes some work of excellent professional quality.

Since it is often difficult to convince professional artists of the value of exhibiting in an unjuried show, it seems encouraging that the Torrance Art Group has successfully brought together representatives of many levels of training.

Exhibiting artists have class-

fied themselves as painting "Just For Fun", "Transitional" or "Experienced". Although this device may give some clue as to the painter's opinion of his own opinions seem arguable.

Val Field's "Saddlebag Lake," termed "Just For Fun" is a well considered oil, uncontrived and honestly stated, that indicates more sincerity and maturity than one might expect from a hobby painter. "Landscape With Chess Pieces" is outstanding among the oil paintings. The bold handling of color and form suggests that Mrs. Feldon, who doubtless feels the any artist is constantly transitional, might

well claim to be one of the "experienced" ones.

Bob Hogan, A. J. Schneider, and Moni Gillett, who are among the painters whose names are well known, spark the show with their respective titles: "Masts", "Image of Inner Space," "Nocturne in Blue" by Moni Gillett.

James Crump's "Shiptown" and an untitled work by Alvin Beller are in leading places in the water color section.

Although the exhibit extends to graphics, crafts and sculpture, these areas would profit from entries in future shows.

Archtype No. 1 of Marcus

White's is a sensitive conception of primal form carved from oak.

David Baeza carries the ceramic section with his characteristic massive pottery shapes and earth toned glazes. The show is well hung and presented with comments by several artist concerning their attitude toward Art. It is the sort of effort that cooperation and interest of the entire community.

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SHOW PREVIEW—Dennis Keltz, of Cub Pack 201-C, and Charlotte Peters, of Brownie Troop 240, will be among youngsters who will attend Children's Day at Torrance Art Group's exhibit

held at the Benstead Swimming Pool. Mrs. Moni Gillett, left, will conduct a tour and Mrs. R. A. Baker will give demonstrations in copper etchings. —Press photo.



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Children's Day at Art Exhibit

"The Face of Lincoln" a movie, will be presented Saturday, when the Torrance Art Group's exhibit at the Victor Benstead Swimming Pool observes children's day.

The film, made at SC, features Sculptor Merrell Gage working on the head of Lincoln, and traces the president's features from youth to the time of his death.

Other highlights of the event from 2 to 5 p.m., include a copper-etching demonstration by Lillian Baker, and Moni Gillett will lead a tour of the exhibit. The exhibit closes Sunday.

Anza School PTA

Anza School PTA members were given reports, at their last regular meeting, of two recent successful projects.

The PTA sponsored book drive was accepted, overwhelmingly by the parents with a total of 233 books being donated to the school library. The second successful event, attended by the children was the production of the movie "Dumbo".

A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. Kay Hoast, Mrs. William Roseberry, Mrs. Orville Travis, Mrs. Victor Orloff, Mrs. Roy Hoyer was appointed. Election of officers will take place at this evening's association meeting.

The program will consist of a skit put on by the teachers entitled "Teachers Follies". The PTA fathers will be hosts for this meeting.

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Torrance to Enter Exhibit in Flower Show

Torrance will be represented for the second straight year in the famous International Flower Show scheduled for Hollywood Park March 14-23 according to President O. R. Trueblood of the sponsoring Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Trueblood said Mrs. Minot Ruggs of the Torrance Terrace Gardens Club is chairman of a Citizens' Committee composed primarily of members of the community's many garden groups.

"Everyone was so pleased with the excellent work accomplished by a 'grass-roots' group of citizens on the Torrance Tournament of Roses Parade Entry, that we are attempting a similar committee," Trueblood said. The Chamber leader said that anyone wishing to help could call the Chamber office.

Members of Mrs. Ruggs' Committee include Mrs. Philip Clark, Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hinkel, Ro-

salle Boyko, Mrs. Victor E. Benstead, Mr. and Mrs. James Stadler, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Turner, Mrs. George Powell, Mrs. R. W. Bishop, Mrs. B. M. Fonville, Mrs. D. H. Offerman and Mrs. John Carribeau.

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